

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-24. (canceled)

Claim 25. (new) An information reproduction apparatus for reproducing data directly from a disk medium; comprising:

reproducing means for reading read data and a disk identifier from the disk medium; said read data indicating whether the disk medium has been previously read; said disk identifier identifying said disk medium;

a memory for storing said disk identifier, if said disk medium has not been previously read;

recording means for recording read data onto said disk medium to indicate the disk medium has now been read, if said disk medium had not been previously read; and

control means for determining whether said disk identifier read from said disk medium is stored in said memory; said control means allowing said reproducing means to reproduce said data from said disk medium if said disk identifier is stored in said memory, and preventing said reproducing means from reproducing said data from the disk medium if the disk identifier is not stored in said memory.

Claim 26. (new) The information reproduction apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said memory is an electrically erasable programmable read only memory (EEPROM).

Claim 27. (new) The information reproduction apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said data is audio or video data.

Claim 28. (new) A method of reproducing data directly from a disk medium; comprising the steps of:

- reading read data and a disk identifier from the disk medium; said read data indicating whether the disk medium has been previously read; said disk identifier identifying said disk medium;
- storing said disk identifier in a memory, if said disk medium has not been previously read;
- recording read data onto said disk medium to indicate the disk medium has now been read, if said disk medium had not been previously read;
- determining whether said disk identifier read from said disk medium is stored in said memory; and
- reproducing said data from said disk medium if said disk identifier is stored in said memory.

Claim 29. (new) The method according to claim 28, wherein said memory is an electrically erasable programmable read only memory (EEPROM).

Claim 30. (new) The method according to claim 28, wherein said data is audio or video data.